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Wartell approves Hannah to head Academic Affairs

by Erika Nordblom,
News Editor

This past December, Susan Hannah was appointed vice chancellor of Academic Affairs for IPFW. Hannah spent most of her career at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo where she acted as a department chair in public administration and public affairs. She was also the associate dean in Arts and Sciences and the assistant vice president for Academic Affairs.

Hannah says that when she was interim vice chancellor for Academic Affairs at IU Kokomo from 1996-97 she "got to learn a lot about the Indiana system." When the need arose for an interim vice chancellor in August of 1998, IPFW sought out Hannah because of her extensive administrative experience. Hannah took the position for a year, believing the position to be only temporary.

After being recommended for the position by Chancellor Michael Wartell, Hannah was asked to stay permanently as IPFW's vice chancellor of Academic Affairs in December. According to Wartell, as vice chancellor, Hannah is responsible for all of the academic programs on campus, the library and continuing education.

"She is very good at the job," said Wartell. "Our faculty in general is very supportive of her. She is a great mediator, when we have hot issues among the faculty, Susan talks them out. She also has great academic sense and she's a motivator. She's doing a good job of finding and

developing new programs." Hannah said that having a permanent position as vice chancellor is very different from being an interim vice chancellor. According to Hannah, "Being an interim is a lot of fun because you're not burdened by the past or the future and you can be very task-oriented and you don't get distracted by other issues."

Now that I am permanent," Hannah said, "some of the problems are more intractable and are going to take longer to deal with; they're more systemic; they're not just projects; they're more long term. So while on the one hand they're a lot of fun because they're more significant, on the other hand they're more complex."

Hannah is originally from North Carolina and a graduate of Agnes Scott College, a women's college, outside of Atlanta where she majored in history. She received a Master's in education at Harvard where she met her husband, who she married 35 years. After receiving her Ph.D. in science, she moved to her husband's home state of Michigan where they raised four children.

Hannah is currently in the process of settling into Fort Wayne now that she plans to stay here for a long time. She said that when she took what she believed would be a temporary position here at IPFW, she rented an apartment. Now, she and her husband are house hunting in the Fort Wayne area.

Hannah said that she has not had a chance to really get to know that she doesn't feel the need to kill that way. It will be apparent from what she says."

Student enrollment increases



Students rush to class to get out of the cold.

Photo by Erika Nordblom, News Editor

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It is clear that IPFW is becoming a more popular place for students to attend. The spring 2000 freshman enrollment increased from 3,739 last year to 4,545 this year. This is a 6 percent increase.

The number of full-time students enrolled this year also increased from 4,519 last year to 4,545 this year. However, while the number of full-time students increased, the num-

ber of part-time students decreased from 5,378 to 5,250, continuing a recent pattern of decline.

Minority student enrollment numbers changed little from last year. The African-American student enrollment is 498, compared to last year's total of 510. Hispanic student enrollment increased from 204 to 219 and Asian-American student enrollment increased from 241 to 251.

When examining the numbers in terms of depart-

ments, enrollment increased in the School of Education and in several other departments including civil and architectural engineering, technology, communication, dental education, English and linguistics, general studies, geosciences, history, modern foreign languages and nursing.

Vice Chancellor of Student Affairs Frank Borelli attributes the increase in credit hour enrollments to the increased number of full-

time students. He also said that the new registration system, one of the most recently improved student services, could also be a factor in the enrollment increase.

"We are pleased with the increase in freshman enrollments and in the overall credit hours," said Chancellor Michael Wartell. "We believe that the freshmen increase demonstrates that students realize the importance of higher education in their lives and careers."

Thank goodness for Starbucks



Photo by Erika Nordblom, News Editor

Germaine Lee helps keep students toasty when they stop at the library lounge.

Comedian Reno celebrates diversity

by Erika Nordblom,
News Editor

In celebration of Diversity Week, Women's Studies is co-sponsoring a two-day event, Feb. 24 and 25, featuring comedic performers whose work will be published in Theatre Communications Group's *Extreme Exposure: An Anthology of Solo Performance Texts from the Twentieth Century*.

Reno's docucomedy, "Reno Finds Her Nuts," will be shown Feb. 24 at 7 p.m. at the Cinema Center, 437 E. Berry St. It is a film written and produced by Reno in which she deals with the issues of adoption and finding one's birth mother in a humorous way. The feature length documentary features appearances by Lily Tomlin and Mary Tyler Moore.

She will perform her new comedy show, "Reno Finds Her Mind," Feb. 25 at 8 p.m. in IPFW's Williams Theatre. According to Linda Fox, director of Women's Studies, Reno's comedy is full of social and political commentary.

Fox said, "This woman talks about

social and political issues from the lens of someone who is lesbian in our society. She does not do comedy for lesbians only, though. In fact, she doesn't bill that way because she is who she is and she doesn't hide it. It's so much who she is and part of her that she doesn't feel the need to bill that way. It will be apparent from what she says."

Fox chose to bring Reno to campus because she says, "I felt it was really important to get a different kind of diversity represented here. Diversity is diversity of a lot of different kinds and not just gender, race, ethnicity and social class, but also sexual orientation. This is a side that I think we don't see at IPFW."

According to Fox, "I do feel that she is a social critic and the fact that she happens to be a lesbian is a plus in terms of diversity issues."

Reno said the target audience for her show is "anyone interested in social and political commentary, because she does much of that. She is a New Yorker and wherever she visits, she finds things from the local scene that she can talk about."

According to Fox, "Reno has some wonderful reviews. The film is a serious topic treated semi-comically. It's a very sensitive dose film about this issue, but very open." Both the film showing and the live comedy show are free to the public. Because Reno is a lot of strong language in her comedy, it is intended for mature audiences only.

Proposal may improve Memorial Coliseum

by Erika Nordblom,
News Editor

A recent proposal has recommended the expansion of the Memorial Coliseum. This expansion will include new modern padded seats to replace the old wooden ones, an arena capacity increase from 10,000 to 13,000, improved access for people with disabilities, renovated restrooms, new high-speed elevators, two escalators, and the addition of club seats and suites.

The anchor from the battleship Indiana will also be moved to a pavilion adjacent to Memorial Hall.

The Memorial Coliseum was erected fifty years ago. The estimated cost of the proposed modernization is \$28 million while the cost to build a brand new facility would be \$80 to \$100 million. The renovation would be financed by earned revenues and property tax.

Many citizens of Fort Wayne have an opinion about whether or not this expansion should occur and many are taking action to see that their voices are heard. Two such individuals are right here on the IPFW campus.

Agnes Auchting, who works in the Career Services office, decided to start a petition opposing the Coliseum expansion. "I heard on the news that anyone could go to the auditor's office and get a petition," she said. She got three petitions and received approximately forty signatures of individuals opposing the expansion proposal. She said she decided to take action because "I didn't

like the idea of them using property taxes to expand the Coliseum. I don't use the Coliseum that much and why should we have to pay for something we don't use? It's a business. Why should property owners have to pay for a business?"

Like Auchting, Ann Soullary Brown, who is the College Connection coordinator in the School of Education, also had a strong opinion about the proposed expansion of the Memorial Coliseum. She, too, decided to get a petition. Her husband, Randy Brown, is the General Manager of Memorial Coliseum. "While I'm not officially connected to the Coliseum," she said, "I do have an interest in the continued success of the Coliseum, not only to support my husband, but for the good of the community."

According to Brown, "The economic impact of the Memorial Coliseum is significant. The trade shows, concerts and sporting events attract people to Fort Wayne where they spend their money at local restaurants, hotels and businesses. In order to remain competitive and plan for the future, the expansion is needed. The expansion will not only allow for larger venues to come to Fort Wayne, but will improve access for disabled patrons, add restrooms, more comfortable seating, additional concession stands and provide greater flexibility in scheduling."

According to Brown, "The petition drive ended Thursday, Jan. 20 and the auditor's office is now verifying the signatures, but we anticipate the opposition will win the remonstrance drive."

A sign that winter is finally here



Photo by Erika Nordblom, News Editor

The "miniature bulldozers" have become a familiar sight on campus that make walking a whole lot easier.

Student Voices

Should South Carolina be allowed to fly the battle flag?

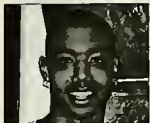


Battle Flag Sept. 1861-April 1865

Recently, the controversy in South Carolina has resurfaced over flying the Confederate flag along with the American flag at their statehouse. People have different interpretations of what the flag means to them; therefore, there is a lot of controversy. We decided to ask some of the student body what their interpretations of the flag are. They were also asked about their opinion on the situation in South Carolina. Below are their responses.



South Carolina



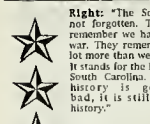
Left: "I think on paper, what it stands for is unity among the South. Mentally and psychologically to minorities, it means racism. I think it's symbolic of bad feelings of what happened during the past because of what we associate it with as black people."

Brent Wake is a sophomore majoring in political science.



Left: "I haven't really thought about it much. I think that if a person isn't hurting someone else or conflicting with someone else's rights, they can do pretty much whatever they want. That is something people in the U.S. take pride in by expressing ourselves any way we want to."

Kristi Passwater is a junior majoring in biology.



Right: "The South has not forgotten. They still remember we had a civil war. They remember it a lot more than we do here. It stands for the history of South Carolina. Whether history is good or bad, it is still history."

Chuck Newman is senior majoring in mechanical engineering technology.



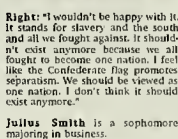
Left: "Well, I've only been here three years. The only flags I've seen are in the movies and also when I first came here. The KKK was at the Fort Wayne courthouse when I saw the flag. I think it's a symbol of discrimination and white supremacy."

Chlyoe Okaji is a junior majoring in nursing.



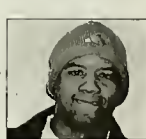
Left: "I've heard people on BET say it's been a part of the African American community, then I would be the flag. It wouldn't symbolize true American heritage."

Jamar Lovell is a sophomore majoring in sociology.



Right: "I wouldn't be happy with it. It stands for slavery and the south and all we fought against. It shouldn't exist anymore because we all fought to become one nation. I feel like the Confederate flag promotes separatism. We should be viewed as one nation. I don't think it should exist anymore."

Julius Smith is a sophomore majoring in business.



Left: "I don't think that it necessarily has anything to do with racial issues. It is our history and in our past. Ideals of the past aren't present today."

Liana Coomer is a junior majoring in elementary education.



Right: "It stands for a whole different culture and a whole different thing by flying that flag. They are saying they are different from the rest of us. I don't have a problem with it."

Carrie Roseland is a sophomore majoring in fine arts.



Left: "It holds the same thing as it did before - with slavery in the south. It shows a sign of not learning from the past and bringing it to the present."

Josh Woods is a freshman who has not decided on a major.



Above from left to right: "If people are offended, they shouldn't do it." **Rayshik Hamil** is a junior majoring in computer information.

"It stands for slavery. It stands for separation of people. Equal rights are violated by the flag." **Jyotin Clifford** is a sophomore majoring in pre-medicine.

"If they do that then they'll contradict the whole concept of the U.S." **Moored Nassalin** is a sophomore majoring in computer information.

Tarrtoons, by Eric Tarr Editorial Cartoonist



Campus Calendar

for Jan. 28-Feb. 10, 2000

January

29 Student Activities Kids' Carnival with Roger Day, WU Ballroom, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; for information, call 6609.

31 Recruiting and campus interviews, WU 113, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; for information, call 6595.

February

Employment Services; for information, call 6595.

1 Registration for Résumé Expert Career Connections Database, WU 113, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; continues through Feb. 29. Appointments for résumé critique, WU 113, 8 a.m.-5 p.m.; continues through Feb. 29. Campus Interviews (list of employers available); WU 113, various times; continues through Feb. 29. Workshops: "The Ins and Outs of Résumé Creation," WU 224, 11 a.m.-noon.

Wellness Center: TLC Series, noon-1 p.m.; for information, call 6629.

1 "The Way to Walk," Beau Kraft, GC 120.
8 "Attitude Shape Up," Greg Anderson, KT 108A.

4 InterVarsity Christian Fellowship

Summit 2000 (mega-conference), WU, 4-10 p.m.; also Feb. 5, 8:30 a.m.-10 p.m.; Feb. 6, 8 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; for information, call 486-4860.

5 Anchor Slam (basketball tournament), GC, 9 a.m.-2 p.m., admission, \$2; for information, call 244-7950.

Testing Services; for information, call 6600.

8 Career assessment group interpretation, WU 116, 9 a.m.

9 College-Level Examination Program (CLEP), WU 116, 8:30 a.m. Statehouse Day for Higher Education, Indianapolis, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; for information, call 6807.

10 Visual and Performing Arts Career Day, WU, 8:30 a.m.-noon; for information, call 6225 or 6141.

Fredrick Winters, hypnotist, WU Ballroom, noon-1:30 p.m.; for information, call 6609.

Women and men's basketball vs. Kentucky Wesleyan College, 5:30 p.m. (W); 7:30 p.m. (M).

Omnibus Lecture Series: "The Importance of Nurturing Youth," Alan Page, WU Ballroom, 7:30 p.m.; for information, call 6808.

Viral STDs are on the rise in today's society

by Michele Kadenko-Monirani, R.N.,
Guest Writer

This is the second of a two part series on STDs. The first part discussed bacterial STDs, while this part will focus on viral STDs.

Herpes simplex virus (HSV) type 2 and the common cold virus (HSV 1) can be common sources of genital herpes, one type of viral STD. Symptoms of the first episode can appear two to ten days after exposure and last up to two to three weeks. Up to eighty percent of those with the disease are unaware because they never developed symptoms or did not recognize them. Symptoms usually begin as an itching or burning sensation; pain in the legs, buttocks or genital area; vaginal discharge; or a feeling of pressure

in the abdomen. After a few days, lesions appear which begin as small red bumps that soon develop into blisters which become painful open sores. The sores become crusted in a few days and heal without scarring. Lesions can occur inside the vagina, the cervix or in the urinary passage of both men and women.

During the primary episode of genital herpes, fever, headache, muscle aches, painful or difficult urination and swollen glands in the groin area can occur. Once a person has become infected with herpes, symptoms can recur at anytime. New sores do not always erupt, but small amounts of the virus may be shed at or near sites of the original infection. Recurrent episodes are usually not as severe as the primary outbreak. Many recognize only one or two recurrences in a

lifetime. There is no cure, but antiviral medication can shorten the first episode and suppress viral activity. Medication to stop herpes recurrences has recently become available.

Human papilloma virus (HPV or genital warts) is one of the most common STDs in the world. The warts often occur in clusters, grow to various sizes and appear in or around the genital area or the mouth and throat when oral sex has occurred. Without treatment, some warts disappear while others grow into large masses. The virus remains latent in the body and recurrences are not uncommon. Certain types of HPV are associated with cervical, anal and genital cancers. There is no cure for genital warts and treatment is symptomatic.

Hepatitis B and C are on the rise. Those most at risk are

individuals with multiple sex partners, IV drug users and individuals who received blood products before 1972. Infection can occur after one sexual encounter. Because it is a virus, there is no cure. Often the disease goes undetected or mimics less serious illnesses. It is not until significant liver damage occurs that it is commonly diagnosed. Powerful drugs have recently been approved by the FDA that can possibly eradicate the virus, but not all individuals respond. A vaccine is available for Hepatitis B, but not C.

HPV/AIDS is also on the rise in the United States and new cases are disproportionately affecting minorities. African Americans and Hispanics represent 50 percent of cases among men and a staggering 78 percent among women. Globally, over 75 percent of infections occurred from heterosexual contact. If an individual is not tested for HIV, it can remain undetected for years until it progresses into AIDS. Medication combinations can delay progression of the HIV infection to AIDS. Still, there is no cure.

Preventive measures vary. A condom is not 100 percent effective. If an STD is in an area that a condom cannot sufficiently cover, transmission can still occur. The best way to prevent acquiring an STD is to practice abstinence from sexual activity until in a monogamous relationship with an uninfected partner. If sexually active, take precautions and have regular check-ups and testing for STDs, even if no symptoms are apparent. Learn the common signs of STDs and seek help immediately if suspicious symptoms develop—even if mild. Avoid having sex during menstruation. Do not

douché after sexual intercourse, since it removes good bacteria and increases the risk of certain STDs. If anal sex is practiced, use a condom.

If you or your partner have been diagnosed or suspect an STD, seek treatment. If pregnant or trying, discuss with your doctor the possible risks of transmission and ways to decrease them. Notify all sex partners and urge them to seek testing. Complete any course of treatment prescribed by the doctor and avoid all sexual activity during treatment. Most importantly, do not forget follow-up visits.

There are treatment clinics available. Confidentiality is always respected. All the clinics serve both male and female clients. Local clinics include Planned Parenthood, Allen County Board of Health STD Clinic and the AIDS Taskforce.

'Angela's Ashes': Frank McCourt's struggles of life in Ireland

by Todd Hamm
Staff Writer

In "Angela's Ashes" an unimagineable poverty circumvents all else. One's own troubles seem minor in comparison. The movie is told from the perspective of Frank McCourt, the eldest of Malachy and Angela McCourt's eventual seven children. It is based on his memoir of growing up a miserably poor Irish Catholic.

It begins when the family is still in New York and Frank is five. He is played by a very Alamo-like young actor, complete with little boy bull dog face and unruly black hair.

The family does not stay in America long, however. When his sister Margaret dies at only a few months of age, Angela is beset by misery, and cannot care for her children. A cousin sends them back to Ireland, where they

take up residency in Limerick. Margaret was Malachy's favorite child. Because of her he had stopped drinking. In Limerick, Malachy resumes drinking and is unable to get a job. The family goes on the dole (welfare), which Malachy squanders on the drink. He comes home stumbling, singing parodies of songs and demands Frank and his brother line up like soldiers and swear they'll die for Ireland.

Frank's twin brothers, who are still toddlers, die within weeks of arriving in Ireland. Malachy refuses to beg.

It is beneath him, it is up to Angela to provide. She manages to rent an apartment with what money Malachy gives her. The apartment is at the end of a line of like tenements and families. It is perpetually raining, Frank and his brother, also named Malachy, are always soaked. The state of the

tenements is atrocious: coldest and decay, with heat and light provided by candles and a solitary fireplace, for which the family has no money for fuel. Sewage is poured into the street outside their door. They sleep together under old coats in a flea-infested mattress.

Emily Watson, as Angela, has the same captivating naivete as in her role in the horror film "Breaking the Waves." She is bitterness, a fragile, secondhand clothes, beggar for the newspaper scraps at the door of the Catholic rectory among a mass of like women.

When Frank sees his mother beg, he turns away. He has none of Malachy's stubborn pride. Nonetheless, he is ashamed. He is likewise ashamed when he realizes the state of his mother's relationship with her cousin Laman

Griffin; they sleep together. Laman has allowed Angela and her brood to live at his place for no rent. It is at this time that Malachy has gone to work in an English factory while the Germans slaughter the former English workers.

He leaves, intent on earning respectable wages, but within a week of his departure, it is clear he has abandoned his family. Frank and his brothers are devastated to find no Friday telegram containing Malachy's wired wages. They persevere.

All Frank wants to do is to be a man, work an honest job and bring home the wages to his mother. He and his brothers have been attending Leamy's boys school since they came to Ireland, but from the time he is around 10, he is far more interested in working odd jobs and cutting class with his friend Paddy for forages in

the country where they would steal green apples and raw milk from a farmer's orchards and dairy cows.

When he is 16, Frank becomes a telegram delivery boy. Many of the people he delivers telegrams to up him. He is able to support his mother and brothers somewhat, but the job more or less leads him to his first love encounter. He is seduced by a girl his age and to have the consumption and to is desperate for love.

They meet many times when Frank delivers her family's weekly telegram. One day, however, a woman he does not know answers the door and tells him she has gone to the sanatorium. Frank goes to her funeral. He is distraught. Her loss is a pain for which he has no previous experience. Later, he has his first pint, gets drunk, comes home singing

the same songs his father used to sing and finds his mother waiting up for him. They get into an appropriate argument within which Frank accuses his mother of being a slut and then slaps her.

His life crumbling around him, Frank takes refuge in his church, under the statue of St. Francis. An understanding priest consoles him and coerces him into purging his mind of everything he is ashamed of, especially the fear that he has condemned his lover to hell.

The priest absolves him and gets him to feel his troubles are much less oppressive than they seem.

Afterwards, with the insight of one of his teachers and by helping himself to a dead employer's purse, he is able to afford the trip back to America.

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Ian Luya

Bruno Martins

James Ryland

by Le'Kesia Outlaw,
Staff Writer

The name Randy Spicer is synonymous with success at IPFW. A four-year starter on this year's basketball team, Spicer is much more than just the team's starting point guard, the student government comptroller and second on the school's all-time assist record.

As a role model for his peers, Randy spends a major part of his time in student government. During his tenure, he has been able to meet new people and participate in a plethora of different activities within the university which have resulted in a great network of opportunities for him.

Spicer chose to come to IPFW not only because he was recruited for basketball, but also to receive an Indiana University "Big 10" education, which is very important to him.

Being Randy Spicer means being dependable. People can count on him no matter what, and being there for others tops his list of priorities.

Being a basketball player at IPFW is no easy task. However, Spicer accepts his role as team leader and motivator along with other duties that come with being the team's "floor general."

"It involves leadership, teamwork and becoming more experienced by being put into different situations," Spicer said.

When people look at the "30 Jerries," Spicer wants people to see not only a student athlete, but also a leader.

He has accomplished and improved many things here at IPFW and will continue to do so in his path of life.

Basketball has helped him become more motivated and more experienced in dealing with different situations.

Three people whom Spicer said he has turned to in those

situations have been his mom, dad and God. All three play a major role in Spicer's life.

He looks up to his father who is the number one reason why basketball is his favorite sport. His father is very supportive of him and attends every game, even if they're away.

Spicer's mother has inspired him to move toward the best things in life, in times of frustration, Spicer said. She was always there to give the advice.

"You can do all things through Christ," said Spicer, who believes that God will never give you more than you can handle.

One day, Spicer would like to be able to support his family without them ever being financially in need.

Because basketball is in time-consuming, it necessarily has one's priorities in order.

Spicer does this by trying to have understanding professors, taking advantage of his time, making sacrifices and figuring out what's most important to him: his team and the student body he represents

while in office.

Spicer even speaks a little French. However, there are some things at which IPFW's point guard does not excel.

One area which Spicer said he would like to improve on is his "dancing skills."

However, Spicer's moves on the dance floor do not compare to his most embarrassing moment.

"I was a junior in high school and I had to give a speech in front of a lot of middle school students about sportsmanship. The occasion was like the Olympics where everyone were the colors of the country that they were representing. I was the one who would run around the track with a torch. I was all prepared for my speech. I even put the speech in my pocket in case of an accident," Spicer said.

"However, I ended up changing my pants, so when I went to say my speech, everything had erased from my memory and all I could say was, 'Sportsmanship is good.'"

This negative event had a positive impact on him, Spicer is now able to speak in front of anyone and even looks

forward to giving speeches.

Former head basketball coach, John Williams is Spicer's cousin.

"Coach Williams allowed me to do a lot of different activities he didn't just focus all on basketball."

"Academics in the previous years weren't his (Coach Williams) fault. He did more than a little bit to help his players. He cared and showed great concern," said Spicer.

"Head Coach Doug Noll has a winning attitude. He pushes the team and gets more out of them than what they thought they had. Coach Noll is fair, challenging and dedicated," Spicer said.

During conditioning, Noll would make all the guards run the mile in 5 minutes 45 seconds, and Randy didn't think he could do it at all. However, before the pre-season opened, he was able to run the mile in 5 minutes and 17 seconds.

"My goal is to win the National Championship. The basketball team hasn't done as well as I hope to, however, the opportunity still looms there and they can

definitely still make some noise," said Spicer.

Assistant Coach Lawrence Jordan, former All-American, was the best point guard to come through IPFW," Spicer said.

Aaron "The Dishman" Ishman is a senior for IPFW's men's basketball team. He is also Spicer's best friend.

Ishman has been with Spicer since his freshman year. "He's been someone that I can count on for whatever the reason may be," said Ishman.

Spicer is a very inspiring person. He says to all incoming students at IPFW, "Take advantage of every opportunity that comes their way and look for there because they're out there."

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